

Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers before mid-night. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. West wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 57.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 54.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 30.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 55.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 53.

Precip:	Month:	0.25 inches
	Year:	19.63 inches
	Normal:	20.03 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)		
Sunrise and Sunset		
Saturday	7:24 a.m.	5:32 p.m.
	Moon: waning,	97 percent
Sunday	7:25 a.m.	5:31 p.m.
	Moon: waning,	92 percent
Monday	7:27 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
	Moon: waning,	86 percent
	(U.S. Naval Observatory)	

Kansas still under drought

TOPEKA (AP) – Recent rain has meant some drought relief for sections of Kansas, but the state Department of Agriculture also says much of the state is still affected by drought.

In its weekly drought update, the Kansas Water Office said more than 85 percent of the state is dealing with some drought conditions. That includes eastern Kansas, where officials are keeping a close eye on water supplies in reservoirs.

The office also said 30 counties remain in an emergency drought stage and that 79 counties have been declared federal agricultural disasters this year because of drought, high winds and high temperatures.

The report also said eastern reservoirs in the Marais des Cygnes basin are below their conservation pools, while the Smoky Hill basin is experiencing low flow conditions.

Students cook for Veterans Day

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were on a day like that.”

Truetken said that not only had her class been getting ready for their honorary guests, but throughout the week they also learned about the history of Veterans Day and wrote essays.

“We have been preparing for our Veteran’s Day lunch since about October when we had a bake sale in conjunction with our money unit in class,” said Truetken. “The kids sold baked goods and practiced giving

change back to the customer. We made almost \$100 which paid for today’s meal.”

She added, “they have worked very hard to honor their special guests.”

In addition to Helen Carman, eight others were recognized at the lunch for their service to the United States: Marc Finley, Marines; Randy Fortin, Army; Al Gerstner, Army; Chuck Perkins, Navy; Larry Purdy, Navy; Roland Rush, Army; Bob Weber, Air Force and Dennis Weigel, Air Force.

Pheasant hunting still promising

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young to adult ratios, but the numbers were still higher than all other regions. For the survey, all department personnel and many rural mail carriers are asked to count how many pheasants and quail they see each day.

All of this is compared to the 2010 pheasant population, Pitman said, which was one of the largest on record, so even with the decline there are still plenty of birds in the region.

These predictions come in a year when pheasant hunting in northwest Kansas will be highlighted on a national scale. Gov. Sam Brownback’s first Ring-neck Classic is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19, in Oakley. The invite-only hunt promises to bring celebrities along with

the governor himself to the area and highlight the outdoor sporting opportunities here.

Several organizations are planning events for opening weekend. The Colby American Legion will hold a nut fry from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight at the post. Meadow Lake Golf Club will also have a \$15 bull fry and chicken fry buffet at 6 p.m. tonight. Both events include a gun raffle.

The Legion is planning a biscuits and gravy breakfast from 5 to 10 a.m. Saturday, and the the Grainfield American Legion will have a pheasant hunter supper at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at its post on Main Street in Grainfield.

The pheasant season is open until Jan. 31. The daily bag limit is four males.

Atchison elevator explosion declared an accident

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the hazard of any of these elevators,” she said. “The elevator itself was half full of product at the time.”

Rozmiarek said she did not know whether the main bin area where the explosion is believed to have originated was the bin being unloaded into rail cars at the time.

Investigators have completed an external examination of the facility as well as a limited internal look to the extent that those areas are accessible. Some smoldering fire still exists in the damaged bin areas. The grain storage facility has 14 silo areas. About four of them are still inaccessible, she said.

A final report on the explosion will take several weeks to complete, the Fire Marshal’s Office said. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is conducting its own investigation,

which is expected to take several months.

“We are just called in to assist in doing the determination of the origin and cause and – as long as nothing criminal is involved – once we have done that, we are done,” Rozmiarek said.

The state investigation is likely to stay open until investigators can get into all areas of the elevator. If some areas remain inaccessible, the state is likely to list the cause as its preliminary findings indicate.

“Unfortunately, we have worked several grain elevator explosions in Kansas,” Rozmiarek said. “Nothing is really out of the ordinary per se in this one.”

The explosion killed Bartlett employees John Burke, 24; Ryan Federinko, 21; Curtis Field, 21; and Chad Roberts, 20, as well as grain inspectors Travis Keil, 34; and Darrek Klahr, 43.

Bartlett employees Pat Max-

Getting ready



City of Colby workers spent the week putting up Christmas decorations downtown along Franklin Avenue alongside the “Welcome” flags for the Colby Community College Homecoming weekend and American flags for Veterans Day.

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Briefly

Group selling nuts

The Colby Episcopal Churchwomen are selling fresh crop pecans and various nuts such as cashews, pralines and walnuts. For information, call Mary Molstad at the Ascension on the Prairie Church, 462-7198.

Cheerleaders to hold brunch fund raiser

The Colby High School cheerleading team will hold a come-and-go ladies’ brunch and Premier Jewelry fund raiser from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the Colby High School library. Thirty percent of all purchases will go towards the high school cheer program. For information, call Lynn Carpenter at 460-5300.

High school library to hold book fair

The Colby High School library will hold a book fair from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Tuesday in the library. Refreshments and hot apple cider will be available. The fair will include books for all ages. For information, call 460-5300.

National Honor Society to induct new members

The Colby chapter of the Nation Honor Society will induct 19 new members at a ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Colby High School auditorium. Everyone is invited. Colby Community College President Dr. Stephen Vacik will speak. For information, call 460-5300.

Crafts, food and fun at Harvest of Holidays

The Thomas County Extension office will hold the “2011 Harvest of Holidays” program at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the 4-H Building. Sessions include fall decorations that can be grown or made and dyeing your own silk scarf. Cost is \$10. Sign up by calling Diann Gerstner at 460-4582 or e-mail diann@ksu.edu by Monday.

College gym to close for floor remodeling

The Colby Community College gym will be closed from Monday to next Friday while the floor is resurfaced and painted. For information call 460-5411.

Fourth grade class to sing about elephants

Fourth graders from Colby Grade School will perform the musical “The Elephant’s Child” at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school auditorium. Admission is free. For information, call music teacher Jennifer Koel at 460-5100.

Last kids’ cooking class planned for Thursday

The last Kids-a-Cookin’ fall class with the Colby Recreation Program for kids in third through fifth grades will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday at the Colby Community Building. Classes are free. Sign up by calling 460-4440. After business hours leave a message at 460-4582, including child’s name and a contact number.

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Monday Evening										November 14, 2011	
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KAKE/ABC	Dancing With Stars				ABC News Special		Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KBSL/CBS	How I Met	2 Broke G	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		Local	Late Show Letterman	Late		
KSNK/NBC	The Sing-Off				Rock Center		Local	Tonight Show w/Leno	Late		
KSAS/FOX	Terra Nova	House			Local						
Cable Channels											
A & E	Hoarders		Hoarders		Monster	Monster		Intervention		Hoarders	
AMC	Jurassic Park							Jurassic Park III			
ANIM	Saved		Fatal Attractions		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Saved		Fatal Attractions		
BRAVO	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		The Headhuntingress		Happens	Real Housewives	Real		
CMT	Reel Love				The Music		Invitation Only		The Music		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan Tonight		
COMEDY	South Pk	South Pk	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk	
DISC	American Chopper		American Chopper		American Guns		American Chopper		American Guns		
DISN	Jessie	Beverly Hills	Chihuahua 2		Jessie	Shake It	Good Luck	Good Luck	Wizards	Wizards	
E!	Sex-City	Sex-City	E! Special		Fashion	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea		
ESPN	Countdown	NFL Football						SportsCtr	College Basketball		
ESPN2	SportsCtr	Football	Coach K		Basketball			SportsCenter			
FAM	Harry Potter-Phoenix	Matilda					The 700 Club	Whose?	Whose?		
FOOD	The Best	The Best	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
FX	Bride Wars					Bride Wars					
HGTV	Love It or List It		House	House	House	House	Hunters	House	House	House	
HIST	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Hairy Bik	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	
LIFE	Unsolved Mysteries		The Ugly Truth				Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Cuff'd	Death	Ridic.	Cuff'd	Death	
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	George	George	George	George	George	George	
SCI	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	Scare	Urban	Urban	Scare	Scare	
SPIKE	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Ways Die	Flip Men	Flip Men	Ways Die	
TBS	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Office	Office	
TCM	The Blue Angel				Shanghai Express			She			
TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Lottery Changed		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Lottery Changed		
TNT	Law & Order		Law & Order		The Closer		Southland		CSI: NY		
TOON	Adventure	MAD	King/Hill	King/Hill	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Chicken	Aqua Teen	
TRAV	Bizarre Foods		Bizarre Foods		No Reservation		No Reservation		Bizarre Foods		
TV LAND	Married	Married	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King	
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW						Next Friday				
VH1	Basketball Wives LA		Love & Hip Hop		Basketball Wives LA		Love & Hip Hop		Basketball Wives LA		
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	
Premium Channels											
HBO	The Transporter		Bored	Enlighten	Boardwalk Empire		Enlighten	Bored	24/7	Face Off	
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